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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17326

Re: FCC PR Docket #92-235 - Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Service and to Modify the Policies Governing Them.

Canyonville Police Department is part of the Douglas County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Jurisdiction and Consolidated Communications System. Douglas County Emergency Communications receives the 9-1-1 Emergency calls for service in our jurisdiction then notifies our mobile units by VHF radio.

All police agencies in Douglas County use the same frequencies in the police radio service. The system is a voted-simal cast VHF system which covers the county with four (4) repeater sites. The county has approximately 90% total coverage. The transmitters are at 110 watts of out-put power at this time.

The proposed rule changes that would limit maximum authorized effective radiated power, with respect to antenna height above the average terrain, could result in Douglas County Emergency Communications having to reduce transmitter out-put power to 5 watts at most of the radio sites.

If Douglas County Emergency Communications were required to reduce the out-put power on the law enforcement radio system, they could no longer talk to our patrol cars in most areas. We would have to develop our own communications systems, and with the cost of equipment and personnel, it would be cost prohibitive and would set law enforcement in Douglas County back 30 years.

The proposed rule changes would be devastating to public safety in the suburban and rural areas like Douglas County. Canyonville Police Department is protesting these proposed rule changes and would like to see some exceptions in the rural areas of the Pacific Northwest.

Yours in Public Safety,

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